

HOUSE BILL 967

By McCord

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
Chapter 1, Part 1, relative to maximum class size.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-104, is amended by deleting subsection (a) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following language:

(a)

(1) It is the intent of the general assembly that every LEA move expeditiously and promptly toward the goals established in this section, and to that end, effective four (4) years from the date the basic education program is fully funded, neither the commissioner nor the state board of education shall grant waivers from the maximum class sizes established in this section. Every public local school system shall have as a policy that pupil-teacher ratios should not exceed the averages prescribed in this section. Except as provided in subdivision (a)(2), in no school building shall the average size of any grade level unit prescribed herein exceed the stated average, though any individual class within that unit may exceed the average; provided, that no class shall exceed the prescribed maximum size.

<u>Grade Level</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>Maximum Class Size</u>
K-3	20	25
4-6	25	30
7-12	30	35
Vocational		
Education	20	25

(2)

(A) Beginning on July 1, 2009, LEAs may meet the pupil-teacher average for each grade level prescribed in subdivision (a)(1) by using a system-wide average; provided, that no class size shall exceed the prescribed maximum class size.

(B) The provisions of this subdivision (a)(2) shall be repealed on June 30, 2011.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009 , the public welfare requiring it.